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E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: JOINT PROJECT ON COTO DONANA NATIONAL PARK

1. LAWRENCE N. MASON, DEPUTY CHIEF, INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS STAFF, US FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE WILL ACCOMPANY US COTO DONANA TEAM TO SPAIN FOR PORTION OF THEIR VISIT. PURPOSE MASON TRAVEL IS TO OBSERVE AND EVALUATE FWS EFFECTIVENESS IN RESPONDING ICONA EFFORT TO ESTABLISH COTO; AND TO DETERMINE FUTURE LEVEL OF FWS PARTICIPATION IN PROGRAM, IF FOR EXAMPLE, THREATENED AND ENDANGERED SPECIES RESEARCH OR HABITAT ANALYSIS AND MONITORING ARE PERCEIVED AS LIKELY COMPONENTS OF FUTURE COOPERATION.

2. BOTH NATIONAL PARK SERVICE AND FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE CONSIDER IT IMPORTANT THAT ICONA UNDERSTAND NATURE OF MASON'S PRESENCE. HE WILL ONLY BE EVALUATING FWS PARTICI-
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PATION IN COTO PROJECT AT REQUEST DIRECTOR FWS AND SEEKING LONG RANGE ESTIMATES OF FUTURE FWS INVOLVEMENT IN PROGRAM. TOTAL PROGRAM EVALUATION WILL REMAIN A MULTIAGENCY EFFORT.

3. TEAM LEADER SPARROWE AND MASON DESIRE SEE SCIATT CLEMENT. BOTH ARRIVE 29 APRIL VIA TW 904. ONE POSSIBILITY IS LUNCH THAT DAY. MASON WILL RETURN TO MADRID FROM COTO

AREA ON 4 MAY, BOTH NPS AND FWS FEEL THAT A COURTESY CALL ON SR. LARA, DG/ICONA WARRANTED IF CAN BE ARRANGED FOR 5 MAY.

4. REQUEST EMBASSY TRANSMIT BY LETTER FORM THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION TO ADDRESSEE BELOW:

MR. FERNANDO BARRIENTOS
COORDINATOR RELACIONES INTERNACIONALES
ICONA
VIA DE SAN FRANCISCO 35
MADRID, 13, SPAIN

DEAR SR. BARRIENTOS:

WE HAVE RECEIVED THE ICONA-NATIONAL PARK SERVICE AGREEMENT AND IT HAS NOW BEEN SIGNED BY DIRECTOR WHALEN. YOU SHOULD RECEIVE YOUR COPIES SOON THROUGH THE U.S. EMBASSY IN MADRID. THE U.S. TEAM FOR THE COTO DONANA PROJECT WILL BE ARRIVING IN MADRID AS FOLLOWS:

TREABESS AND GREGG: APRIL 26 AT 8:40 A.M. ON FLIGHT TWA 904.

MASON, SPAROWE AND BOYNTON ON APRIL 29 AT 8:40 A.M. ON UNCLASSIFIED

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FLIGHT TWA 904.

GEDER ON MAY 1 AT 7:50 A.M. ON FLIGHT TWA 904.

REQUEST FOLLOWING HOTEL RESERVATIONS BE MADE FOR THE GROUP:

APRIL 26, 27, 28: TREABESS, DOUBLE; GREGG, SINGLE AT HOTEL TIERRA MAR IN MATALASCANAS.

APRIL 29: TREABESS, DOUBLE; SPAROWE, DOUBLE; GREGG, MASON AND BOYNTON, SINGLES AT HOTEL DONA MARIA IN SEVILLE.

APRIL 30-MAY 3: SAME RESERVATIONS AS APRIL 29 PLUS A SINGLE FOR GEDER.

MAY 4: SAME AS MAY 3 MINUS MASON, WHO WILL INSTEAD NEED A RESERVATION AT HOTEL PUERTO DE TOLEDO IN MADRID.

MAY 5-6: THE ENTIRE GROUP IN PUERTO DE TOLEDO IN MADRID.

POSTPONEMENT OF THE VISIT WAS NOT POSSIBLE SO IT WAS
DECIDED THAT THE TEAM CAN MAKE THEIR OWN ARRANGEMENTS

FOR WORKING TOGETHER ON MAY 1, A HOLIDAY IN SPAIN.

MR. LAWRENCE MASON, DEPUTY CHIEF OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS
FOR THE U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE, HAS BEEN ASKED BY
HIS DIRECTOR TO PROVIDE HIM WITH AN EVALUATION OF THAT
SERVICE'S PARTICIPATION IN THE COTO DONANA PROJECT. TO DO
THIS, MR. MASON WILL TRAVEL WITH THE STUDY TEAM AS AN
OBSERVER. MR. MASON'S PRESENCE WILL NOT HINDER THE WORK OF
THE STUDY TEAM, BUT WILL PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR HIM TO
REPORT TO HIS DIRECTOR ON WHAT IS VIEWED HERE AS A VERY
SUCCESSFUL PROJECT. OUR ENTIRE GROUP IS LOOKING FORWARD TO
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A VERY PRODUCTIVE VISIT. LINDA VAN KEUREN, INTERNATIONAL
COOPERATION SPECIALIST, U.S. NATIONAL PARK SERVICE.

5. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR VERY MUCH APPRECIATES THE
EMBASSY'S ASSISTANCE IN FORWARDING ABOVE LETTER AS WELL AS
THE MANY OTHER "HELPS" GIVEN. CHRISTOPHER

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